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In the Abstract:

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~~The invention relates to~~ <u>A</u> method and unit for substracting ~~quanti-zafion~~ <u>quantization</u> noise from a pulse code modulated PCM signal being segmented into frames. For achieving this it is proposed to first calculate for each frame of ~~said~~ <u>the</u> PCM signal a quantization noise level Bq according to ~~the following~~ <u>an</u> equation ~~(I) wherein~~ <u>having parameters including</u> n <u>which</u> indicates a specific sample of the PCM signal, $S^*_{min}[n]$ <u>which</u> represents the minimum ~~minim-um~~ quantization noise level for a specific sample value $s^*[n]$ of ~~said~~ <u>the</u> PCM signal, $S^*_{max}[n]$ <u>which</u> represents the maximum quantization noise level for the specific sample value $s^*[n]$ of the PCM signal, $w[n]$ <u>which</u> represents a window-function and W <u>which</u> represents the number of samples per window. Subsequently, the quantization noise as represented by ~~said~~ <u>the</u> quantization noise level Bq has to be substracted from ~~said~~ <u>the</u> PCM signal, preferably with the help of a suitable background noise substracting system.

$$[[\quad B_q = \sqrt{\sum_{n=0}^{W-1} \frac{\{(s^*_{min}[n] - s^*_{max}[n]) \cdot w[n]\}^2}{12}} \quad]] \qquad (I)$$

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